DANGEROUS TRADE
Histories of Industrial Hazard
Across a Globalizing World

December 13 to 15, 2007 • Stony Brook University • Charles B. Wang Center

Scholars and experts from many corners of the U.S., as well as Asia, Australia, Europe, and the U.K., share their research on the global making, recognition, and remediation of hazardous industries in developing and developed nations from the late 19th century to the present.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

1:00 pm: Introductions
• James Staros, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Stony Brook University
• Nancy Tomes, Chair, Department of History, Stony Brook University

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: Contemporary Industrial Hazards in the Developing World
• Speakers: Fenda Akiwumi and Foday Jaward, University of South Florida: “World System Processes and Mine Waste Generation in Sierra Leone, Africa”
• Daniel Renfrew, Binghamton University: “New Hazards and Old Disease: Lead Contamination and the Uruguayan Battery Industry”
• Susanna Bohme, Brown University: “Toxic Trade and the Fate of the Nation-State in an Era of Globalization: The Case of Dibromochloropropane”
• Wajdy Hailoo, City University of New York: “Iraq and the Oil Industry”

Co-sponsored and co-organized by the Departments of History and Preventive Medicine.

4:00 pm: Provost’s Lecture
• Barry Castleman, Environmental Consultant: “Globalization and the Export of Hazards”

5:30 pm: Conference Reception

Friday, December 14 (pre-registration required)
Globalization and Industrial Hazards in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries
Discussion of pre-circulated papers on topics such as:
• “Global Markets and Local Conflicts in Mercury Mining: Industrial Restructuring and Workplace Hazards at Almaden Mines in the Early 20th Century”
• “Migrant Labor, Work, Environment, and Health in Colonial Malaya, 1880-1940”
• “Anthrax 1880-1920: National and International Responses to a Contaminant of Global Trade”
• “Rayon, Carbon Sulfide, and the Emergence of the Multinational Corporation in Occupational Disease”
• “Health, Safety, and Class War in the Mexican Oil Industry, 1900-1938”

Saturday, December 15 (pre-registration required)
Globalization and Industrial Hazards in the Mid-to-Late 20th Century
Discussion of pre-circulated papers on topics such as:
• “African Bodies and Nuclear Things: Scenes from the Transnational Production of Uranium”
• “Men, Mines, Masculinity, and Dust Disease: Globalizing Workers’ Perceptions of Risk at Work, circa 1945-1960s”
• “Your Job or Your Life: U.S. Workplace Advocacy in the Wake of OSHA and Earth Day”
• “Italy 1958-1978: The Rise and Fall of a Labor Environmentalism”
• “A Tale of Two Lawsuits: Making Environmental Knowledge in Italian and U.S. Chemical Regions”
• “Shipping the ‘Next Prize’: The Trade in Liquefied Natural Gas from Nigeria to Mexico”
• “The Petrochemical Industry’s Transfer of Industrial Hazards to India, 1960-2001: A Tale of Two Globalizations”

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